

#### UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION III
CENTRAL REGIONAL LABORATORY
839 BESTGATE ROAD
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

10304-224-2740 FTS-922-3752

DATE

March 10, 1983

SUBJECT:

Preliminary Assessment

Miller Chemical and Fertilizer

FROM

George H. Houghton and A

Engineering Technician (3ES14)

TO

Thomas Massey

Environmental Emergency Branch (3ES30)

Howard O. Wilson

Team Leader, Engineering Section (3ES14)

EPA Inspectors George Houghton and Ronald Jones met with Mr. Akskay Vidijarthi from the subject facility and Mr. C. James Leizear from the Maryland Dept. of Health, to determine the extent of contamination at the Whiteford, Maryland site. This meeting and inspection took place on October 19, 1982.

For approximately one year Miller Chemical and Fertilizer mixed chemical components to obtain herbicides and fungicides. This was a dry process. The mixing tanks were occassionally rinsed with water which was discharged to a ponded area. Ingredients of this herbicide included arsenic, copper, chromium and zinc. No organic chemicals were used. Mr. Vidijarthi indicated that minimal records were available on this process. As far as could be determined, some equipment was purchased in 1958 but the process was not in production until 1963. Production lasted until 1965. All the equipment was removed by 1968. Production was never really profitable due to technical problems and availability and cost of the raw materials. One product was sold by Miller under the name of 658-Fungicide.

The last reference, according to the state representative, to fungicide in the state files was about 5 years ago.

The ponds were drained and the land was graded in September, 1981. An engineering firm was used to ensure the natural contours of the land were preserved during reclamation. Maryland approved the engineering drawings for the remedial action. A notice was placed in the property deed to warn future owners of the possible contamination of hazardous waste (see attachment). As noted on the attached map (Map 2), the area between the lines N29°08'17"W and S40°24'02"E is the non-molest area where the ponds were located. This area is 10.3752 acres. An additional map (Map 1) which is a copy of the USGS quadrangle for Delta, Maryland (1956) shows the Whiteford area in general.

Whiteford Packing Company is adjacent to Miller Chemical and Fertilizer. For several years the water discharge from this firm flowed into the subject ponds. A pipe has now been installed which runs across the Miller Property and into a drainage area adjacent to Rt. 165 (see drawing). Whiteford's well overflows, almost constantly, into a drainage ditch and runs across Miller's property. This overflow, except for rain runoff, appears to be the only source of water on the Miller property. EPA sampled the water entering the Miller property from Whiteford Packing. The water leaving the non-molest zone was also sampled. A sediment sample was collected from the stream leaving the non-molest zone. Another water sample was collected from the domestic well on the Miller property. All these samples were submitted for analysis of arsenic, copper, chromium, and zinc.

A background soil sample was collected on January 5, 1983 from three (3) separate locations on and around Miller Chemical and Feritlizer property. These samples were homogenized as much as possible in a plastic bucket. The sample was split among the State of Maryland, Miller Chemical and Fertilizer, and EPA. Analyses for this sample will include: arsenic, copper, chromium, and zinc.

The approximate locations of the samples are shown on the attached map (Map 2).

A background sample was needed because no historical level of metals could be found for this area of Harford County.

Currently, Miller is blending dry fertilizer components to obtain a mixture as per customer specifications. This material is sold in bulk or in pre-packaged bags. The facility also carries a line of pre-packaged herbicides and other farm chemicals. None of these chemicals are blended or packaged on site.

Miller Chemical analyzed samples of the pond sediments after dewatering and no contamination was found (see attached results dated July 24, 1981).

Also attached is a copy of a letter from Maryland Department of Health informing Miller Chemical of the revocation of Hazardous Waste Permit (dated September 28, 1982).

Please refer to Table A for the soil analyses results. Levels of arsenic, copper and zinc were higher than background soil levels.

This could be caused by the process at Miller Chemical, but it also could be attributed to normal variations in soil. Based on this inspector's limited experience with soil analyses, the increase shown does not pose a threat. It is recommended that a toxicologist who is more familiar with the effects of metals in soil review this data and comment on the results.

As noted in the results of the concentration of chromium in the sediment leaving the non-molest area was lower than the background soil level. The difference could be normal sampling variations. Also this area of Maryland is known for Green Marble, and one of the constituents of this marble is chromium.

The liquid sampling results are attached to this report (Table B).

All levels were below the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) action levels. It should be noted that, arsenic showd a definite increase in the downstream sample. The stream water entering the property had a concentration of 2.0 ug/L while the downstream sample indicated 23 ug/L.

As indicated earlier, the facility representative said that no organic chemicals were produced at the Whiteford site. A New York Times article dated February 15, 1983 stated otherwise: "On the EPA's 1979 list were 31 cities where plans producted chlorophenols. The manufacture of these chemicals produces dioxins, . . .". Among the cities mentioned was Whiteford, Maryland. The sediment sample collected in October, 1982 has been sent to another laboratory for dioxin analysis. The result will be forwarded upon completion.

Attachments a/s

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Table A

Miller Chemical & Fertilizer
Sediment Sample

	Background 1	Sediment from Stream <u>Leading Non-Molest Area 1</u>
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<sup>1</sup> Values in milligrams/kilograms (mg/kg)

Table B

Miller Chemical & Fertilizer

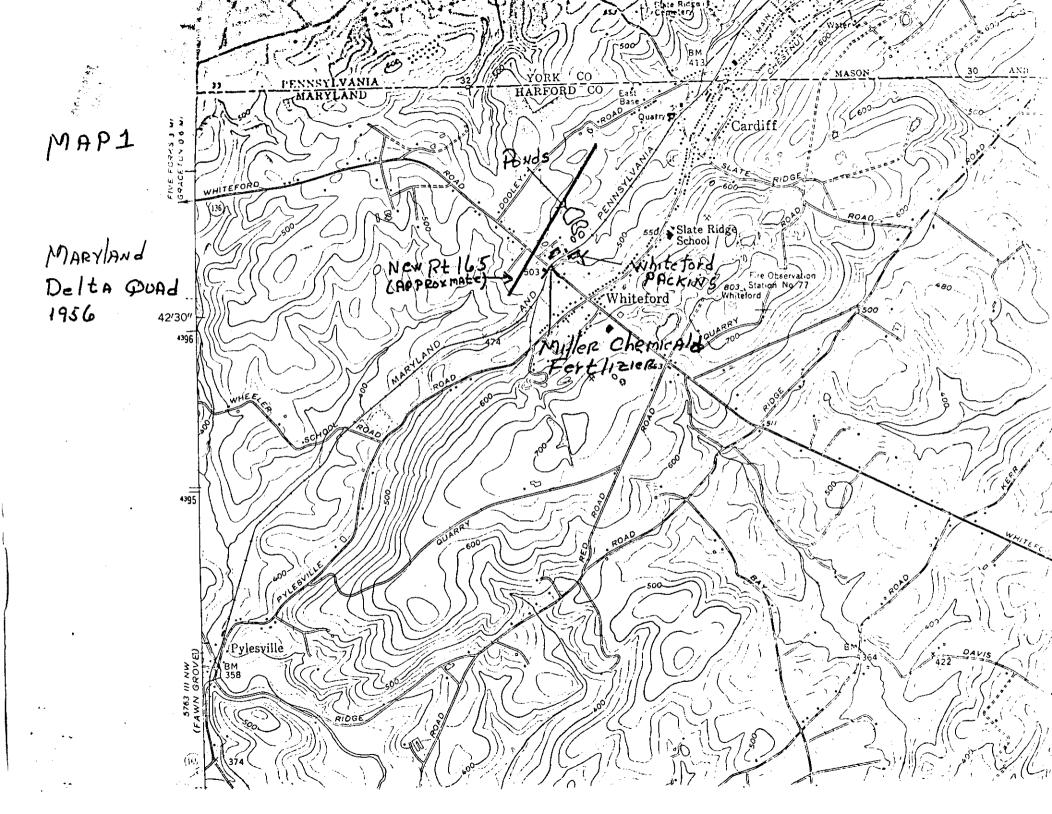
Inspection Date: October 19, 1982

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All values in micrograms per liter (ug/L)

<sup>2</sup> Safe Drinking Water Act Standards



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#### POTENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE SITE IDENTIFICATION AND PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT

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MD 400049

NOTE: This form is completed for each potential hazardous waste site to help set priorities for site inspection. The information submitted on this form is based on available records and may be updated on subsequent forms as a result of additional inquiries and on-site inspections.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Sections I and III through X as completely as possible before Section II (Preliminary

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NOTE: Based on the information in Sections III through Y, fill out the Preliminary Assessment (Section II)

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AREA to ORIGIONAL LAND

July 24, 1981

Mr. Rich Steimle
State of Maryland
Office of Environmental Programming
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Mr. Steimle:

REFERENCE: Permit A015

According to your instructions of June 15, 1981, we have de-watered our ponds at Whiteford, Maryland plant site. Sediment samples were taken from each pond and analyzed. A sketch of the sampling area and the analyses are attached.

We now request that you concur most promptly to having these ponds filled so to reduce potential liability, as well as to prevent re-use as a settlement or holding area. We have several projects scheduled here which cannot be completed until we do receive your approvals.

We'd further appreciate your review of our request of May 19 concerning the discontinuence of a waste permit requirement, once the fill and grading job is completed.

Again, thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Don Fiery President

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cc: Vid

Attachment

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### QUALITY SYSTEMS, INC.

CHEMISTRY - BACTERIOLOGY - TESTING - SALES - SERVICE

July 20, 1981

ROUTE 1

LITTLESTOWN, PA. 17340

(301) 876-2302

QS-3801

Mr. Akshay Vidyarthi Miller Chemical Company P. O. Box 333 Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331

REPORT

EP Analyses of samples received 7-12-81:

#### #1 Pond near highway - dry

Arsenic	0.01	ppm
Copper	0.08	ppm
Chromium	0.00	ppm
Lead	0.00	ppm
Zinc	0.59	maa

#### #2 Pond near railroad siding - dry & dirt

Arsenic	0.00	ppm
Copper	0.00	ppm
Chromium	0.01	ppm
Lead	0.00	ppm
Zinc	0.07	mqq

Respectfullu submitted,

Genneth H. Mohlhenrich

President

KHM/sm



#### OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE

201 WEST PRESTON STREET . BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201

Area Code 301

Harry Hughes, Governor

Charles R. Buck, Jr., Sc.D. Secretary

September 28, 1982

CERTIFIED MAIL Return Receipt Requested

Mr. Donald E. Fiery, President Miller Chemical Fertilizer Corporation P. O. Box 333 Hanover, Pa. 17331

Dear Mr. Fiery:

Pursuant to the provisions of Health Environmental Article Section 7-257B5 Annotated Code of Maryland, this Office has determined that a Controlled Hazardous Substances (CHS) Facility Permit is no longer required for your site at Routes 136 and 165, Whiteford, Maryland 21160. Consequently, this Office, as previously confirmed, effective today, is revoking your CHS Facility Permit.

This decision may be appealed in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Article 41, §244 et. seq., Annotated Code of Maryland by filing a request to the Office within 10 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this decision please contact Mr. Reid Rosnick of my staff at the above number.

Sincerely

dric L. Sachs, Chief Hazardous Waste Division

FLS:RR:lry

Mr. Ronald Nelson cc:

Mr. Art Caple

Mr. Paul Thompson

File A-015

September 1, 1982

Mr. Reed Rosnick
State of Maryland
Office of Environmental Programming
Department of Health & Mental Hygiene
201 West Preston St.
Baltimore, Md. 21201

Dear Reed,

#### RE - PERMIT #A015

Enclosed please find a copy of our deed which has been registered in the court house as per your instructions. Please initiate proceedings to terminate our CHS PE MIT as per our discussion.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

MILLER CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER CORP.

Akshay D. Vidyarthi
ADV/dg Vice Pres. - Mfg.

Encl. 4

CC: D. E. Flery



## MILLER CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER CORPORATION

TO

MILLER CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER CORPORATION

Return to:
Miller Chemical & Fertilizer
Corporation
P.O: Box 333
Hanover, PA 17331

## This Indenture MADE

day of July
and eighty-two

in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred

BETWEEN MILLER CHEMICAL &

FERTILIZER CORPORATION, a Maryland corporation, party

of the first part, and MILLER CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER CORPORATION, a

Maryland corporation, party

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of the second part: Thitnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00)------

lawful money of the United States of America, to it in hand, paid by the said party of the second part, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, remised, released and quit-claimed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, remise, release and quit-claim, unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns forever, ALL THAT CERTAIN tract of land situate in the Fifth Election District of Harford County, Maryland, on the northerly side of the public highway leading from Whiteford in said County to York County, Pennsylvania, containing 52 acres, more or less.

BEING the same and all the land described in a Deed dated March 4, 1942, from the Maryland-Pennsylvania Chemical Company to Miller Chemical & Fertilizer Corporation, recorded among the Land Records of Harford County, in Liber G.C.B. No. 271, Folio 231, etc.

The foregoing grant is under and subject to the following NOTICE: A portion of the premises has been used to manage hazardous waste and accordingly, its use is restricted under COMAR 10151.05.07G(3), that portion being described as follows:

Beginning at a concrete monument, said monument being North Thirty three (33) Degrees, Thirty seven (37 Minutes, Four (4) Seconds East, a distance of Six Hundred Three and Seventy six Hundredths (603.76) Feet from an iron pipe, said iron pipe being the property corner of Miller Chemical & Fertilizer Corp. and the southern Right-of-way Line of Md. State Route No. 165 Highway, thence along said Highway Right-of-way Line, North Thirty three (33) Degrees, Thirty seven (37) Minutes, Four (4) Seconds East, a distance of Six Hundred Seventy four and Eighty

three Hundredths (674.83) Feet to a concrete monument, thence, along lands of Miller Chemical and Fertilizer Corp., South Forty (40) Degrees, Twenty four (24) Minutes, Two (2) Seconds East, a distance of Seven Hundred Ten and Eighty three Hundredths (710.83) Feet to a concrete monument located on the northern Right-ofway Line of the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad System, thence, along said Railroad Right-of-way Line, South Thirty six (36) Degrees, Nineteen (19) Minutes, Eighteen (18) Seconds West, a distance of Seventy seven and Two Hundredths (77.02) Feet to an iron pipe, thence, continuing along aforementioned Railroad Right-ofway Line, by a curve to the right having a Radius of One Thousand Three Hundred Sixty two and Thirty Hundredths (1362.30) Feet, an Arc Distance of Six Hundred Thirty six and Fifty nine Hundredths (636.59) Feet, a Chord Bearing of South Fifty (50) Degrees, Forty one (41) Minutes, Fifty seven (57) Seconds West, and a Chord Distance of Six Hundred Thirty and Ninety six Hundredths (630.96) Feet to a point, thence, continuing along aforementioned Railroad Right-of-way Line, South Sixty three (63) Degrees, Six (6) Minutes, Six (6) Seconds West, a distance of Forty seven and Seventy one Hundredths (47.71) Feet to a concrete monument, thence, along lands of Miller Chemical and Fertilizer Corp., North Twenty nine (29) Degrees, Eight (8) minutes, Seventeen (17) Seconds West, a distance of Five Hundred Twenty nine and Sixty seven Hundredths (529.67) Feet to a concrete monument the point and place of Beginning. Said portion of Lands, as herein described, contain 10.3752 Acres, as per survey and description, performed by Dean R. Hempfing and Associates, Surveyors dated May 17, 1982, Drawing No. A-338-82-D1.

# ETC ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING and CERTIFICATION CORPORATION

DENIS C.K. LIN, Ph.D.

Vice President, Research and Operations

March 17, 1983

Mr. David Stewart Viar & Co. Sample Management Office 300 N. Lee Street Second Floor Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mr. Stewart:

DIOXIN SAMPLE
Result
Miller Chem + Fertz.

We are pleased to submit the attached reports in response to your testing requirements. The data were acquired by my staff and we are confident that the results are of the highest quality.

If you have any questions regarding your report, we encourage you to contact Deb Holton, or Diane Foster in our Client Service organization (201/225-5600). They will coordinate your inquiries with the appropriate laboratory personnel. You are also invited to visit with Henry Beal, Esq. or Michael Bonchonsky, Esq., if you have any questions regarding the regulatory or the legal aspects of your project. Your account executives along with our Client Service organization are also available to assist you in defining the requirements for future testing programs.

If we can be of further service to your organization in the future, please contact us.

Sincerely,

B.F. Dude bootel / for Denis C. K. Lin, PH.D.

DCKL:rp Attachments

cc: Dan Donnelly, EPA Region III, Anapolis, MD

#### INTRODUCTION

This report contains the analytical results on your soil sample (Reference ID SAS No. 426-C), submitted on March 5, 1983. It is designed to satisfy the needs of your people at various levels in your organization.

The results we obtained on your sample are presented in a tabular format immediately after this page. Included with the sample results are the quality assurance data for your specific sample. The gas chromatograms and/or mass spectra generated in the analysis of your sample are included in the Appendix of this report. The chain of custody record for your sample is included at the end of this report.

The established methods we used in the analysis of your sample are described in the Methodology section.

We hope our report format is useful in assisting you to obtain pertinent information on your sample.

#### **METHODOLOGY**

The method employed for the analysis of the 2,3,7,8-TCDD sample (Reference ID SAS No. 426-C), was the February 1983 draft revision of "Determination of 2,3,7,8-TCDD in Soil and Sediment," U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VII Laboratory, Kansas City, Kansas. All samples were analyzed using an electron impact GC/MS instrument with a direct capillary interface.

The cleanup methodology employed was option A of the above method. A 60 meter SP-2340 fused silica capillary column was used for the analysis. The 50 ug/ml internal standard solution  $TCDD^{-13}C_{12}$ , was obtained from KOR Isotopes, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The 10 ug/ml native TCDD solution was obtained from Supelco, Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, and checked against the EPA certified standard (from Radian Corp, Std. Code 20603) in iso-octane at 7.87 ug/ml. The elution times for the native and labeled standards are within 2.5 seconds.

#### RESULTS

The accuracy of the analysis is directly dependent on the accuracy of the native TCDD stock solution. We used the certified standard from the EPA as the primary standard to calculate the values in the samples.

The Protocol calls for spiking a sample containing less than 10 ppb of TCDD at a level of 10 ppb. Since the only means to accomplish this is to use a previously analyzed sample, sample 568 of SAS No. 371-G was chosen for the matrix spike. The sample 568, using the certified standard for calculation, was ND for TCDD.

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property, claim, and demand whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said part y of the first part, of, in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances.

To have and to hold all and singular the above mentioned and described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said part y of the second part, its successors and assigns forever.

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In witness whereof, the said party of the first part to these presents hath hereunto caused these presents to be executed and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed. SEALED AND DELIVERED)

IN THE PRESENCE OF

MILLER CHEMICAL & FERTILIZER CORPORATION

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA:

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 23.1 day of July, 1982, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the above Commonwealth and County, personally appeared Donald E. Fiery, President of Miller Chemical & Fertilizer Corporation, and that he, as such President, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purpose therein contained by signing the name of the corporation by himself as President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial

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